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South Windsor Public Library Receives Arts Grant

Aman Announces Funding for Sculpture in Front of Library and Town Hall

HARTFORD - State Representative Bill Aman (R-South Windsor) today announced that South Windsor has received a $6,000 grant to the Public Library to fund a sculpture to be installed on the Library/Town Hall grounds.

According to Library Director Mary Etter, the funds will pay for work by Karen Rossi, an artist of international reputation who is a South Windsor native. Rossi began as a metal sculptor, growing up around her family's welding business, and has developed a unique style exhibited in sculpture, murals, mobiles, and tree ornaments, as well as other household items and even jigsaw puzzles. Her work has been shown in European galleries and across the United States, and she has spearheaded arts experiences at local hospitals and the Festival of Arts and Ideas in New Haven.

"We are delighted and grateful for Bill Aman's efforts in securing the funding to bring a Rossi sculpture here," said Etter. "Karen's unique, whimsical style never fails to bring a smile to those who come upon it. She often researched ideas for new designs at the Library, and we'll be very pleased to be able to look out our windows and see a finished piece."

"I am pleased that I have been able to be of service in the effort to bring the work of a great local artist to the Library grounds in a format and location where it can be enjoyed by everyone," said Representative Aman. "This will be the beginning of a series of sculptures that will really add to the charm of the Library and Town Hall grounds."

Members of the South Windsor Planning and Public Works Departments have been involved in selecting an area for the garden that will surround the sculpture, and will be involved in its installation, expected to be completed this fall. Benches now at the Library entrance will be moved to the garden, creating a park-like setting for relaxing and reading.